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By Senate Committee on Highways & Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Finkbeiner, Esser, Horn, Stevens, Rossi and Honeyford)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the disruption of traffic by pedestrians;
2 amending RCW 46.63.020; adding a new section to chapter 46.61 RCW; and
3 prescribing penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.61 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) A pedestrian may not intentionally impede, or otherwise
8 disrupt, the flow of traffic on a highway that has been designated, in
9 whole or in part, as a highway of statewide significance.

10 (2) A violation of this section is a gross misdemeanor punishable
11 under RCW 9A.20.021.

12 (3) Nothing in this section prohibits the filing, at any time, of
13 a cause of action for damages resulting from the disruption of traffic
14 caused by a pedestrian or pedestrians.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.63.020 and 2001 c 325 s 4 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 Failure to perform any act required or the performance of any act
18 prohibited by this title or an equivalent administrative regulation or

1 local law, ordinance, regulation, or resolution relating to traffic
2 including parking, standing, stopping, and pedestrian offenses, is
3 designated as a traffic infraction and may not be classified as a
4 criminal offense, except for an offense contained in the following
5 provisions of this title or a violation of an equivalent administrative
6 regulation or local law, ordinance, regulation, or resolution:

7 (1) RCW 46.09.120(2) relating to the operation of a nonhighway
8 vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a
9 controlled substance;

10 (2) RCW 46.09.130 relating to operation of nonhighway vehicles;

11 (3) RCW 46.10.090(2) relating to the operation of a snowmobile
12 while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics or
13 habit-forming drugs or in a manner endangering the person of another;

14 (4) RCW 46.10.130 relating to the operation of snowmobiles;

15 (5) Chapter 46.12 RCW relating to certificates of ownership and
16 registration and markings indicating that a vehicle has been destroyed
17 or declared a total loss;

18 (6) RCW 46.16.010 relating to initial registration of motor
19 vehicles;

20 (7) RCW 46.16.011 relating to permitting unauthorized persons to
21 drive;

22 (8) RCW 46.16.160 relating to vehicle trip permits;

23 (9) RCW 46.16.381(2) relating to knowingly providing false
24 information in conjunction with an application for a special placard or
25 license plate for disabled persons' parking;

26 (10) RCW 46.20.005 relating to driving without a valid driver's
27 license;

28 (11) RCW 46.20.091 relating to false statements regarding a
29 driver's license or instruction permit;

30 (12) RCW 46.20.0921 relating to the unlawful possession and use of
31 a driver's license;

32 (13) RCW 46.20.342 relating to driving with a suspended or revoked
33 license or status;

34 (14) RCW 46.20.345 relating to the operation of a motor vehicle
35 with a suspended or revoked license;

36 (15) RCW 46.20.410 relating to the violation of restrictions of an
37 occupational driver's license;

- 1 (16) RCW 46.20.740 relating to operation of a motor vehicle without
2 an ignition interlock device in violation of a license notation that
3 the device is required;
- 4 (17) RCW 46.20.750 relating to assisting another person to start a
5 vehicle equipped with an ignition interlock device;
- 6 (18) RCW 46.25.170 relating to commercial driver's licenses;
- 7 (19) Chapter 46.29 RCW relating to financial responsibility;
- 8 (20) RCW 46.30.040 relating to providing false evidence of
9 financial responsibility;
- 10 (21) RCW 46.37.435 relating to wrongful installation of
11 sunscreening material;
- 12 (22) RCW 46.44.180 relating to operation of mobile home pilot
13 vehicles;
- 14 (23) RCW 46.48.175 relating to the transportation of dangerous
15 articles;
- 16 (24) RCW 46.52.010 relating to duty on striking an unattended car
17 or other property;
- 18 (25) RCW 46.52.020 relating to duty in case of injury to or death
19 of a person or damage to an attended vehicle;
- 20 (26) RCW 46.52.090 relating to reports by repairmen, storagemen,
21 and appraisers;
- 22 (27) RCW 46.52.130 relating to confidentiality of the driving
23 record to be furnished to an insurance company, an employer, and an
24 alcohol/drug assessment or treatment agency;
- 25 (28) RCW 46.55.020 relating to engaging in the activities of a
26 registered tow truck operator without a registration certificate;
- 27 (29) RCW 46.55.035 relating to prohibited practices by tow truck
28 operators;
- 29 (30) RCW 46.61.015 relating to obedience to police officers,
30 flaggers, or fire fighters;
- 31 (31) RCW 46.61.020 relating to refusal to give information to or
32 cooperate with an officer;
- 33 (32) RCW 46.61.022 relating to failure to stop and give
34 identification to an officer;
- 35 (33) RCW 46.61.024 relating to attempting to elude pursuing police
36 vehicles;
- 37 (34) Section 1 of this act relating to impeding traffic;
- 38 (35) RCW 46.61.500 relating to reckless driving;

1 ~~((35))~~ (36) RCW 46.61.502 and 46.61.504 relating to persons under
2 the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs;
3 ~~((36))~~ (37) RCW 46.61.503 relating to a person under age twenty-
4 one driving a motor vehicle after consuming alcohol;
5 ~~((37))~~ (38) RCW 46.61.520 relating to vehicular homicide by motor
6 vehicle;
7 ~~((38))~~ (39) RCW 46.61.522 relating to vehicular assault;
8 ~~((39))~~ (40) RCW 46.61.5249 relating to first degree negligent
9 driving;
10 ~~((40))~~ (41) RCW 46.61.527(4) relating to reckless endangerment of
11 roadway workers;
12 ~~((41))~~ (42) RCW 46.61.530 relating to racing of vehicles on
13 highways;
14 ~~((42))~~ (43) RCW 46.61.685 relating to leaving children in an
15 unattended vehicle with the motor running;
16 ~~((43))~~ (44) RCW 46.61.740 relating to theft of motor vehicle
17 fuel;
18 ~~((44))~~ (45) RCW 46.64.010 relating to unlawful cancellation of or
19 attempt to cancel a traffic citation;
20 ~~((45))~~ (46) RCW 46.64.048 relating to attempting, aiding,
21 abetting, coercing, and committing crimes;
22 ~~((46))~~ (47) Chapter 46.65 RCW relating to habitual traffic
23 offenders;
24 ~~((47))~~ (48) RCW 46.68.010 relating to false statements made to
25 obtain a refund;
26 ~~((48))~~ (49) Chapter 46.70 RCW relating to unfair motor vehicle
27 business practices, except where that chapter provides for the
28 assessment of monetary penalties of a civil nature;
29 ~~((49))~~ (50) Chapter 46.72 RCW relating to the transportation of
30 passengers in for hire vehicles;
31 ~~((50))~~ (51) RCW 46.72A.060 relating to limousine carrier
32 insurance;
33 ~~((51))~~ (52) RCW 46.72A.070 relating to operation of a limousine
34 without a vehicle certificate;
35 ~~((52))~~ (53) RCW 46.72A.080 relating to false advertising by a
36 limousine carrier;
37 ~~((53))~~ (54) Chapter 46.80 RCW relating to motor vehicle wreckers;

1 (~~(54)~~) (55) Chapter 46.82 RCW relating to driver's training
2 schools;

3 (~~(55)~~) (56) RCW 46.87.260 relating to alteration or forgery of a
4 cab card, letter of authority, or other temporary authority issued
5 under chapter 46.87 RCW;

6 (~~(56)~~) (57) RCW 46.87.290 relating to operation of an
7 unregistered or unlicensed vehicle under chapter 46.87 RCW.

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